





THE READER'S DIGEST

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Dear Mr. Dulles:

We here at the Digest are much concerned about the feeling of alarm, and sometimes even of hysteria, which has been developing in the country as a result of recent Soviet military and scientific achievements and propaganda. We feel that it would be in the public interest for us to make an authoritative report to the American public, and through our many foreign editions to readers everywhere in the world, on what the actual Such a report could serve two important facts are. purposes: first, it could reassure Americans as to our present military strength, and thus dissipate alarm and hysteria; and, second, it could make clear just what will necessarily be demanded of the public, in money and effort, to maintain lasting military security in the future. We feel that a report which could accomplish these purposes would be a distinct public service.

I shall be in Washington next week - Monday,

January 13 through Friday, January 17 - to gather the

facts for this presentation, and would greatly ap
preciate the privilege of an off-the-record discussion

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with you. In the hope that an appointment can be
arranged, I shall call your office from the Carlton
Hotel when I arrive. Please do not trouble to
acknowledge this letter.

With thanks in advance for what we feel is one of the most important editorial projects we have ever undertaken, I am, with all best regards,

Sincerely,

Paul Palem